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May 29, 2001

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of St Croix Valley Natural Gas Company for
Authority to Increase Natural Gas Rates

5230-GR-103

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING, INVESTIGATION,
ASSESSMENT OF COSTS, AND PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

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| Prehearing Conference Date: | Friday, June 8, 2001 – 10:00 a.m. |
| Conference Location: | Public Service Commission, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, WI |

THIS IS A PROCEEDING to consider St. Croix Valley Natural Gas Company's (SCV) June 20, 2001, application requesting rate relief for natural gas service in such amounts as will permit SCV to earn a just and reasonable return on common equity, to meet the costs of operation, and to provide SCV the ability to attract the necessary capital to meet the requirements of customers in its service area, and to consider its request that the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) grant such other relief as may seem just, reasonable, and proper.

On June 20, 2001, SCV filed an application with the Commission pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 196.03, 196.20, and 196.37, for authority to increase rates for natural gas services. This application contained SCV's financial and jurisdictional cost information.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission will hold a prehearing conference on Friday, June 8, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. in the Amnicon Falls Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin, and continuing at times to be set by the presiding Administrative Law Judge. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor (lobby) entrance. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations should contact the case coordinator listed below.

The prehearing conference is being held to: (1) identify persons who will actively participate as full parties; (2) identify issues; (3) determine the date and time for a hearing; (4) specify dates for filing testimony and exhibits; and (5) any other matters that will facilitate the hearing.

Parties will be bound by the designation of issues and the schedule adopted at the prehearing conference. Persons who consider themselves to be potential parties should participate in the prehearing conference. Any person desiring to become a party shall file a request pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(2m) and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.32(3) no later than 14 days from the date of this notice. The request shall be addressed to Administrative Law Judge David C. Whitcomb, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854.

This is a Class 1 proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a).

The Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the docket coordinator listed below.

Questions from the media may be directed to Jeffrey L. Butson, Public Affairs Director at (608) 267-0912.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to docket coordinator Kane Walent at (608) 266-7006.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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